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The filling connection according to Claim 15, wherein the filling union is adapted to be coupled to a multiple filling coupling adapted for simultaneous filling of a plurality of gas cylinders.

29. The filling connection according to Claim 15, wherein the filling union has the same outer dimensions and external shape as the discharge connection.

## **REMARKS**

The foregoing amendments are to more closely conform the application to U.S. practice.

No new matter is added. Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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